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Special Assistant to the Secretary
of State
Washington

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 23, addressed to Mr. Armstrong, forwarding a copy of the Survey of USIA's intelligence needs and assets. I personally had the opportunity to work rather closely with the Survey Group and I agree fully with their recommendations. I believe that the Survey is a highly competent and constructive piece of work for which CIA and the individuals involved deserve great credit. Once the report has been approved by the Director of USIA, we will undertake to put its recommendations into effect as rapidly as possible.

With regard to the matter of NSCID 3, and the intelligence production on international communism, we will be prepared to sit down with your representative at any time. If convenient to you, however, I would like to ask that these discussions be delayed until Mr. Armstrong's return, about the middle of August. In as much as the questions involved are quite basic, and, I should suppose do not require immediate solution. We of course understand fully that any changes in NSCID 3 would eventually have to be reflected in the Survey recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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Acting

The Honorable
Allen W. Dulles,
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Washington.

State Dept. review completed

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